



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.6. Rainy weather toward the end of the week delayed some harvesting of crops, but the moisture was welcome as conditions were getting dry. Farming activities for the week included applying herbicides to cotton, making hay and planting soybeans.

### SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 06/09/19

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	14	68	18
Subsoil	-	3	78	19

- Represents zero.

### CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 06/09/19

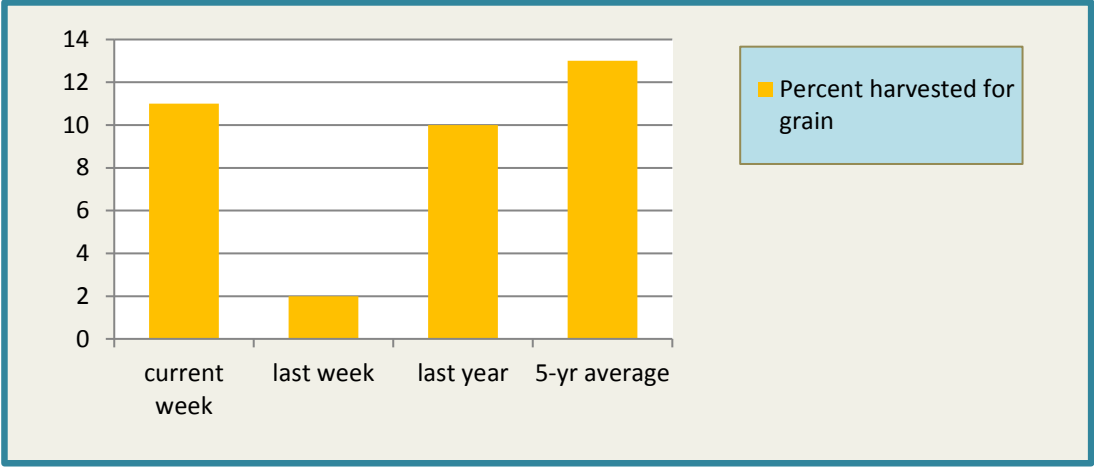
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	-	1	23	70	6
Corn	1	2	18	68	11
Cotton	-	-	15	85	-
Hay, Alfalfa	-	-	16	72	12
Hay, Other	1	4	23	63	9
Peanuts	-	4	10	85	1
Soybeans	-	2	12	79	7
Tobacco, Burley	-	-	18	80	2
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	-	39	55	6
Tobacco, Flue-cured	-	-	27	65	8
Winter Wheat	-	2	21	67	10
Pasture	-	8	26	57	9

-Represents zero.

### CROP PROGRESS for week ending 06/09/19

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Barley harvested for grain	40	28	19	29
Corn planted	96	94	95	-
Corn emerged	92	86	89	89
Cotton planted	96	93	97	92
Cotton squaring	7	1	14	8
Peanuts planted	94	90	95	91
Soybeans planted	80	70	56	55
Soybeans emerged	61	47	43	40
Tobacco, Burley transplanted	82	71	79	76
Tobacco, Fire-cured transplanted	88	77	80	-
Tobacco, Flue-cured transplanted	92	88	92	-
Winter Wheat harvested for grain	11	2	10	13

WINTER WHEAT HARVESTED FOR GRAIN for week ending 06/09/19



Weather Summary- For the week ending June 9, 2019

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to June 8	Mar. 1 to June 8 norm	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	80	58	89	45	69	1	1268	1037	1.73	1.73	0.75	19.05	0.00
Norfolk	82	67	90	58	75	4	1517	1123	2.00	2.73	1.79	21.53	2.14
Richmond	82	63	89	52	72	2	1443	1157	2.52	2.81	1.87	23.35	4.67
Roanoke	79	61	90	50	70	1	1355	NA	3.51	3.55	2.53	21.36	2.29
Wash/Dulles	81	59	88	44	70	3	1177	NA	0.24	0.24	-0.90	20.13	2.16

\* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

**REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY –** Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

WESTERN

**ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)**

A pattern of daily rain showers set in on Wednesday, bringing hay making activities to a halt. Most folks that do row crops have gotten them planted, or have made plans to plant alternative summer annuals. Most of Rockbridge received 1 to 1.5 inches of rain the second half of the week.

**BATH/HIGHLAND (Jennifer Matosky)**

Some scattered rainstorms.

CENTRAL

**CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)**

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EASTERN

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**CHARLES CITY (Scott Reiter)**

Heavy rains late in the week have stalled field work. Reports of 2-6 inches from Friday-Sunday. Mid-week some wheat was harvested, and soybean planting continued. Other activities included applying herbicides to cotton, peanuts, and soybeans. Growers are concerned about wheat quality again this season as rains will delay harvest.

SOUTHWESTERN

**GRAYSON (Kevin Spurlin)**

Persistent rain arrived for the latter half of the week. Most areas of the county were getting dry, so the rain was welcome for most crops.

**SMYTH (Andy Overbay)**

Rain has returned following a brief dry period where much of the hay cutting and corn planting took place. Crops are looking very good at the present. Fruit tree crops are seeing a return of fire blight, and fungal blights returning. Vegetable crops are seeing early signs of blight as well in limited areas, mostly to home gardens.

**SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)**

Much needed rain fell this weekend. Grass has greened back up, and started growing. Seeing some unusual tobacco issues, working with a specialist to determine the cause.

**SOUTHERN**

**LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)**

Industrial hemp is going in. Crops are appreciating the moisture, though the farmers would like some more field time. Lots of rain since the end of the week, upwards of 4 inches in places.

**SOUTHEASTERN**

**GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)**

Heavy rain hit most of the county on Friday afternoon. Forecasted rain over the next 4-6 days will delay wheat harvest.

**CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)**

Rains over the weekend stalled soybean planting. Likelihood of rain continues for next several days. Field tillage and planting is likely to resume early in the week if more rain does not come. Wheat harvest is likely to start this week as soon as rains subside, and a few dry days allow grain to dry.

**SOUTHAMPTON (Josh Holland)**

Periods of hot/dry conditions have plagued the county over the last few weeks. Now the conditions have reversed, and we are heavily saturated due to continued rainfall. Crop conditions remain positive, even with excess moisture.

**BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)**

Rain this week was much needed, but slowed down field work. Several tobacco fields have had the first cultivation. Corn twisted from heat, and lack of water early in the week. Many planted crops are coming up well, and doing better with much needed rain.

**PRINCE GEORGE/SURRY/SUSSEX (Scott Reiter)**

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